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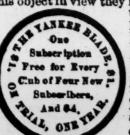
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#### EDITORIAL.

If Gladstone is right when he says that "Duty is coextensive with the action of our intelligence," does not the increase of intelligence expand the realm of conscience, and is not the intellect a much neglected factor in the religious life?

In a note from Camden, N. J., in our Notes from the Field column, in the mention of Rev. J. L. Corning the manuscript stated that he had formerly filled an important place in the ranks of the Congregationalists, but through an unfortunate blunder in print, the reverse statement was made, which we gladly correct.

EXECUTION by the use of electricity is a vast improvement upon the present barbarous custom, but leaves much still to be desired. When may we hope for that greater advancement when such legalized bloodshed shall not only be repulsive to refined minds, but also be superseded by more humane penalties looking toward the moral development of the criminal?

CHARLES K. WHIPPLE in Truth tells of a boy who understood so well the orthodox doctrinal scheme concerning the future of sinners that he replied to the Sunday-school teacher's statement that "Jesus took no revenge, not even upon those who betrayed and crucified," "He didn't then, but he is going to." There is a lesson here for the thoughtful.

The Literary World thinks that the most valuable effect of James Freeman Clarke's "Orthodoxy, Its Truths and Errors" was the "correction of the narrowness of view to which his fellow Unitarians were too often subject in judging the great body of Christian churches." To be incompetent of a just judgment of the spirit and power of ideas differing from one's own is the characteristic of a bigot, whether found in Unitarian or Trinitarian garb.

Hawthorne in the preface to the "Twice Told Tales," suggests the fitness of an author to criticise his own works, and the value of such criticism if frankly rendered. Oliver Wendell Holmes has again favored the public with a criticism of his own works. In the June Book Buyer he declares the "Chambered Nautilus" to be his favorite and most finished work, but he also likes "The Voiceless," "My Aviary," "The Battle of Bunker Hill," "Dorothy Q.," "The Silent Melody" and "The Last Leaf."

A CONTRIBUTOR to the New Christianity (Philadelphia), gives expression to the following just statement concerning religious unity: "To attain to real religious unity, the true end of religion must be kept steadily in view and steadily pursued. This end is not doctrine. Doctrines are properly but means. . . . And is not the end of the Commandments 'charity out of a pure heart?' . . . Is not the Golden Rule the substance of 'the law and the prophets?' Is not the two-fold love of the two Great Commandments, meaning assimilation to the Lord, and kindness, benefit and use to the neighbor, the end for which the whole Word is given? No writer insists more upon this end of all religion than does Swedenborg." Indeed, Swedenborg's illustration of religious variety in unity by the human

body, to which the writer refers, is most apt, the animating heart of the physical system corresponding to that spirit of love which should animate and unite all churches.

MAYOR ROCHE, of Chicago, deserves the thanks of all right-minded people for his recent nomination of a woman upon the City Board of Education, and the Common Council did itself credit in promptly confirming the same. Mrs. Ellen Mitchell is the first woman called to this high trust, and she is a woman in every way qualified for the position. We congratulate the city and extend to the new official our cordial support and endorsement. It is not an easy or an enviable position, but it is one that will result in great good. Let other cities go and do likewise.

Though one swallow does not make a summer, one tiny leaf floating upon a broad river may indicate the direction of a powerful current. Such lives as those of Marie Bash-Kirtseff, the young Russian painter, of whom we find so interesting a sketch in the current number of the Woman's World, serve well to indicate the drift of modern thought. To the wealthy, cultured class the ugliest scenes of city life are coming to have a new attraction, and deep sympathy illuminates as with a halo the poverty, ignorance and even vice of the wretched human waifs haunting great cities.

The resolution recently passed by the Senate authorizing the President to enter into such negotiations with all foreign powers as should provide for arbitration in all international disputes, should make this session of Congress forever memorable. Coming close upon the death of the Emperor Frederick III., it tenderly reminds us that one who would have endorsed heartily all peaceful methods has passed away. A great warrior, no greater compliment could have been paid him than that admission, in all the capitals of Europe, that his accession to the throne was a guarantee of peace. Brave, true, wise and enlightened as a subject, as a ruler he was capable of that virtue rarely combined with power—humanity.

In a recent issue we congratulated Chicago upon its great Auditorium building which gives to it its magnificent Convention Hall, the noblest hall in the country when completed. It is estimated that over ten thousand people found room in it during the more exciting meetings of the recent Republican Convention. But as far as presidential nominations are concerned, our experience this year, as four years ago, leads us to wonder whether the big hall is such a blessing after all. The disgraceful elements in this and previous conventions are closely identified with the "shouters" who had no official relation to the convention, whose presence there was either solicited or tolerated for partisan and sensational purposes. The working force of the conference represented some eight hundred gentlemen. No one can doubt that if these gentlemen were allowed to do their work uninterrupted by the howling crowd of both sexes, their proceedings would have been characterized by more consideration, dignity and directness, and it would seem as though the high office of a President deserves all the dignity and propriety circumstances can command. The sight of a presidential candidate using money, or other influence, to pack a convention hall with those who would shout his name, is something to make the American citizen hang his head with shame. We still rejoice in Chicago's great hall; but we no further desire it to be used for the nomination of Presidents. Hereafter we hope the delegates will be confined in some respectable auditorium that will give comfortable room to themselves and the representatives of the press only; that their proceedings may be characterized with the sobriety that becomes an honorable body,—at least we hope it will be tried.

Professor Langeley, in his recent work on the "New Astronomy," predicts a time when the solar engine, which is now "a toy of the childhood of science, is destined to grow and in its maturity to apply the solar energy to the use of all mankind." What are the dreams of the ignorant concerning future glory and magnificence compared to these visions of the learned! They foresee the time when the sun will directly not only bake our bread but plow our fields and thresh our grain. Who will foresee the religion that will be fit accompaniment to the solar locomotive? Will it be a thing of names, of words, outlined by geographical and historical lines, or will it be a thing of principle, of feelings superior to all words and inclusive of all lines?

From the June Book Buyer we clip the following from an article by Arlo Bates: "An interesting fact to whoever admires the work of Emerson is that his family have at length broken through their rule to have no anthology made from the writings of the sage. They have allowed the Rev. Wm. C. Gannett, who as the son of the late Rev. Ezra Stiles Gannett has been the life-long friend of the family, and who as a philosopher, a poet, and a man of musical taste and wisdom, is especially fitted for the task, to compile a little pamphlet of about thirty pages for the series of tracts called the Unity Mission, and published at the office of Unity, Chicago. The pamphlet is such a perfect little casket of gems that it is conferring a favor on the readers of The Book Buyer to call attention to it. It was compiled as a work of love, and as it is sold for five cents, it can not be published from motives of anything but philanthropy, since this would not cover the cost of printing."

#### PATRIOTISM vs. PARTISANSHIP.

Another Fourth of July has come and gone with its noise and dissipation, its powder and the consequent sad list of fatalities. One longs on this day for a new baptism of sense in order that jollity may be tempered with thoughtfulness and enthusiasm directed by reason. And still much as there is to be deplored in our National celebration, it is still the "glorious Fourth," glorious, not only in its history, but also in its present ministration. It is a day when at least the enthusiasm is precipitated upon a country rather than upon a party. The consciousness of the smallest child who endangers his eyes with the fire-cracker is on this day national rather than sectional. However hot political partisanship may be, or intense sectarian prejudice may express itself the remainder of the year, on this day sectarianism and party catch-words are retired while the eagle and the flag come to the fore-ground as symbols of breadth and inclusiveness. The cosmopolitan character of American institutions and American life forces itself upon the attention of the most careless upon the fourth day of July. So we hail it as the one day of the year when the general needs of the country and the universal inspirations of our nation come to the front. On this national festival we can see but four great political questions pressing themselves to the front in our politics;—questions which demand the attention of the legislator, and which, sooner or later, either singly or together, will force themselves to the arbitration of the ballot The first is the economic question of protection or free trade, concerning which the two leading political parties are this season theoretically arrayed in hostile camps; but

the struggle will be half-hearted and an insincere one be. cause to so many it is an issue of party policy rather than of principle. While so many democrats are, in their private convictions, protectionists, and so many republicans in their personal convictions hope and expect free trade, there must necessarily be a hollowness and a damaging insincerity in much of the campaigning along these lines between now and the November elections. The second great issue in American politics is an executive one,—the Civil Service Reform; this both parties affect, but experience shows that neither party is ethically equal to the practicing of its pretensions in this matter. The democrats have not lived up to their pretensions, and the republicans have not yet succeeded in decapitating the "boss" and in expelling the "machine man." The third issue is an ethical one,—the temperance necessity. The day is at hand when the sentimental handling of this great question will give way to the scientific, economic and ethical discussion of the same. The statesman and the physician are to be heard from on this question, to the neglect of the maudlin rhetoric of the "reformed drunkard," who delights in exposing his spiritual ulcers to the prurient gaze of the curious. This question is coming into politics. The conscience of the United States is in a process of evolution. The direction towards which it is tending is significantly hinted at by the present attainments of Iowa and Kansas. The fourth, and, as far as we can see, the final commanding question in American politics is a question of justice. It is another struggle for the rights of souls—the question of Woman Suffrage. This question has come to stay. Its final solution is already apparent both to those who rejoice and those who deplore the inevitable conclusion. For good or for ill, the women of America are yet to share with the men of America the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

These are the four great special questions in United States politics to-day. (The questions of enforcing the laws and honest administration are always in politics.) In so far as parties with their platforms and candidates are sincerely and genuinely arrayed along these lines they are mustered for actual service; they have a right to be heard, and deserve the respect of all citizens and the support and suffrage of such as agree with them; but in so far as parties fail squarely to face these issues, no past tradition or present pretension will save them from the defeat, disgrace and death that eventually awaits them.

This is the outlook to us on the fourth day of July, these are the political questions of the nation to-day. Let pariotism, not partisanship, guide us in their study.

#### CONTRIBUTED.

#### WHEN IT RAINS.

When it rains,
And the mist folds lie along the plains,—
And the elm trees touch the sky,
My thoughts delight to fly
Where wild things grow,—
When young ferns stand arow,
And in the humid air uncurl
As fairy banners might unfurl,—
Where from the multitudinous leaves
Drips the rain as from fairy eaves,—
Where sky blossoms droop and sway
As the cool drops flash and play,—

Or lift a tiny cup,
For the rain to fill up.

The thirst of the earth to slake
The heavens stoop, in blessing break,—
And the green world laughs through its leafy lanes,
When it rains.

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## HOW TO PASS THE SUMMER ON NO CAPITAL TO SPEAK OF.

Amandus looked at Amanda in consternation as he closed the account book in which he had summed up the yearly income and out-go: "It has been an awfully expensive year."

Amanda looked at Amandus and sighed: "The doctor's bill! medicines, nurse's bill, extra help in the kitchen."

"But thank God, you're alive at least!" said he, and went on with the category of their woes: "the new dinner set; the moving and the necessary refurnishing; this was our third move, and verifies the proverb that 'three removes are as bad as a fire."

"Well!" said Amanda with a pucker of brow and lip: "Considering we don't give dinner parties, and are not 'highflyers at fashion,' we do manage to get away with money at an amazing rate. Where does it go?"

"Where do the pins go?" retorted Amandus. "'Riches have wings,' and moderate incomes go by steam."

"At any rate," said she, flying, after the manner of her sex, from the abstract to the concrete, "We can not in honesty go away, anywhere, for the summer."

"O, that's nonsense!" he shouted, with the American husband's impulse to work himself cheerfully to death to provide ease and luxury for his women-folk.

"Not a bit," she replied. "I said last year that I should never leave you again toiling at the desk while I flaunted it, like a butterfly in a bower, at a summer resort. Restaurant dinners had reduced you to a ghost—or a dyspeptic, which is worse. If you can live through the hot months here—except for the scrimpy two weeks the monster business allows its victims for a holiday,—I can do so. The blessed babies are always better at home. Health? Pooh! We have all come home ill for two autumns. My real opinion is that summer is the best time for staying at home. Come; accept the inevitable with a good grace, and let us see just how much comfort and recreation can be had for the next two months and a half out of our surroundings."

"This yard is cool and retired," said he, glancing around him. "I shall put up yonder the swing the children were asking for to day."

"Plant a stake beside that rose-bush," said she, "and suspend the hammock between that and the corner of the house." He opened the book again: "I can allow—let me see!"—a little figuring, then: "I make it we can have

just three dollars a week to spend for extras—"

"An all sufficient capital," she interrupted. "Nothing

Amandus looked at her in amusement: "Has the weather by chance affected your brain already?"

"O, unbeliever!" she answered confidently, "will you let me plan the spending of that princely sum?"

The swing and hammock were put up, easy chairs and hassocks carried into the shady yard, together with the children's low chairs, the little express wagon, the velocipede and rocking-horse. The infantry were turned out in a uniform of sailor suits of cool blue serge, sailor hats, little "three-quarter" socks and Oxford ties: there were three in all, the eldest, commonly known as "the heir," because to a certainty the only things he will inherit are the guinea of his English great-grandmamma and the silver kneebuckles of a remoter American ancestor; Princekin, a cherub with golden locks, a seraphic expression and a capacity for mischief unequaled by anything of his inches in the known world, and the two-year-old girl baby known as "the Mite;" for afternoon wear the wardrobe contained plenty of fresh white dresses for the latter, and, for the boys, suits similar to their morning ones, but of a very light blue tint; and Amanda on investigating her resources in the way of costume found the only expenditure needed was for a light gray summery thing for street wear.

In-doors the Brussels rugs were rolled away in camphor, leaving exposed the cool Canton mattings in the two living-rooms; and a few fresh flowers kept the suggestion of summer ever present. The rule of the house was siesta after luncheon, cool wrappers, and darkened windows; those who could not sleep came to enjoy the hour of quiet, and its soothing effect upon strained nerves and muscles was wonderfully beneficial. Then, for the next hour, the bath-room resounded to the shouts of the boys, who found the tempered water in the large bath-tub, and liberty to splash and sail boats, a fair substitute for all watering-place pleasures. And by 4 o'clock the three, curled and clothed afternoon costume, debouched into the yard. A little later, Amanda, after a tour of dining-room and kitchen to note any omissions and give last orders, settled into the rocking chair under the pear tree, with a book and a piece of embroidery; and at 6 o'clock Amandus turned the corner —to be greeted, three pavements off, by a shout and "rush" from the children.

A dive into the house for slippers and alpaca coat, and he takes the other lounging chair under the tree or rolls into the hammock. There is always a bit of city news, or the last bit of baby mischief, to relate, or a book to discuss, or a paper to read in the hammock until the dinner bell tinkles. This is the daily routine; an hour later the babies are in bed and Amanda emerges from the house to find the heir in deep converse with his father; as the lad marches off at "early bed-time" he remarks confidentially: "That quiet time, when you are putting the small fry to bed, is the time I get to talk to my father. Seems like we're getting a good deal better acquainted now-a-days."

The light has faded from the west, and the student-lamp shining behind wire screened windows wooes them to betake themselves to the parlor for a quiet "read" and chat.

Thus for two weeks; and then—the girl leaves! She can not stand it you see: she has been used to living "with people as is people; that allus goes away for the hot spell." And she "allus allows to lay off in summer" herself! Three days of kitchen work ensue, but with care and a gasoline stove the whilom tophet of summer housekeeping is kept much below boiling point; and the fourth day sees a new help installed in the culinary department; but the best of balm for burnt fingers is the unanimous vote that "Mamma's cooking was the best of all."

The new girl had already fallen into the ways of the household, when Amandus announced that his two-weeks' holiday had begun. Amanda unfolded her plans for merrymaking. "To-morrow," she proclaimed, "we make our longtalked-of excursion to the Zoölogical Garden. Admittance, twenty-five cents for adults; fifteen for children; infants free; grand total—eighty cents. Dinner at the excellent restaurant for four—baby don't count, again—at fifty cents a piece, two dollars, doing away with baskets, cold victuals, and bother. We shall have the cream of a picnic without the trouble of one. We shall see 'the lion and the wild kangaroos.' You shall give the children zoological lectures, and an extra fifty cents will cover the expenses of the rides on the Shetland ponies, the rides in the houdah of the elephant —which combine to perfection the sea-sickness of a lake excursion, the aerial effect of the balloon ascension, and the jiggity jog of a railroad train over badly laid ties!—with a "wind-up" drive in the little phaeton all about the grounds just before leaving. We start to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, and return by six, in good time for dinner."

"Amanda, you are a genius!"

"Wait! You know we have not spent a cent, so far, of our Amusement Fund. We shall concentrate on this fortnight our expense and enjoyment. I've seen Brown, the livery stable man. He will let me have the gray horse and the family phaeton, since I 'want it reg'lar,' at a dollar and a half an evening. We shall drive from six to eight, four times a week; we shall go one afternoon out to the

Burlington's, and spend one long Sunday morning in God's acre. These long half-day drives will cost twice as much as the others, but will be well worth it; and the exchequer will still contain funds for a trip to the art museum, for an excursion down the river, with a reserve for a few weekly

drives after your return to the office."

As said, so done. The visit to the "Zoo" was a success. The art museum is situated in a lovely park, and when they felt, at high noon, that they had only begun to see the treasures of the museum, the smiling custodian assured them that, for "a family party," it was permitted to pass out for dining and return; so the basket was unpacked under the shade of an old oak, in a little dell so green and quiet one could scarcely believe it was within ten minutes' walk of a busy city. Then they went back again to feast upon art treasures from every land: mediæval missals, ancient majolica, the wonderful replicas of South Kensington treasures, pictures, statues, bronzes, ancient armor—and here the Heir perpetrated (whether knowingly or not, will never be known) his first pun: after studying the various halberds, lances and partizans, that innocent laid his hand upon the inlaid handle of one of the latter and queried: "Is this what they call an 'offensive partisan?'"

It probably was—in its day.

They burrowed in every nook of the vast building. The Heir discovered a room devoted to Indian relics, the numismatic Amandus chanced upon a collection of coins, and Amanda had at length the leisure for studying to her heart's content a marvellous collection of old lace—point of spiderweb fineness, Venetian point, lace of Brussels and of Spain, lace secular and lace ecclesiastic! Princekin discovered a model of a fire engine, and begged the custodian in vain to "Put it down on 'e floor just a little while, and let's play fire!" And the Mite, after disappearing mysteriously, was found on an oak bench in the picture gallery, gazing wistfully at a Madonna and Child, and coaxing "'at 'ittle baby to come and play wiv me."

The event of the next week was an excursion down the river; a restful happy day for all, and an entirely novel

experience for the children.

The drives were delightful, one and all; and the very last Sunday of the holiday time they drove out to the lovely cemetery, and spent the long summer morning in the holy calm of that city of Rest. Two graves upon the hillside made the beautiful place seem like home. To souls who listen by a grave long green, the silence more eloquent than speech brings healing and benediction. "Not here, but there," the holy silence breathes. "Not clay, but imperishable spirit. There is no waste in nature: does God waste, then, the finer essence—soul? 'Why seek ye the living among the dead?' 'Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.'" And the chimes of the spirit mingled with the sounds of far-off Sabbath bells.

The children wandered up and down the shaded paths hand in hand, stopping to gaze on the white marble Angel of the Resurrection waiting, trump in hand and finger on lip; or watched the swans on the still lake, or the birds that build in every tree. "Here's where every one comes sometime," said Princekin to the Mite. "You see those rounded, little hills? Well, every one of those opens right into

heaven!"

"It has been a happy summer," said Amandus as they drove home.

"It ends to-morrow. You go back to the 'grind,' and school begins: but we shall have yet an occasional drive. Did I keep within the margin of expense?"

"Nobly," he replied. "And we have all lived more out of doors than usual. The children are healthy and tanned,

I feel ready for work,—and you?"

"O, I am like the Prince who sought over the whole world for 'the greatest boon' and returned to find it by his own door stone: the quiet rest and the open air have brought

me health! After all, the blessings meant for us cluster about the threshold."

"Ah—we did not pass the summer," said he, "but it came to us, to be enjoyed."

"Content is the great sweetener of life," she answered, smiling:

"'It is not much that makes me glad,
I hold more than I ever had.
The empty hand may farther reach,
And small, sweet signs all beauty teach.""

And two hands, when the lines were ended, were no longer empty.

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#### RESURRECTION.

[The following original lines accompanied a blooming plant as one of the class offerings at the floral service of All Souls church, Chicago, July 1, 1888.]

Our lives are full of mystery,
Of doubt and carking care;
Go, plant, reveal thy history,
And faith shall wake, and prayer.

That tiny seed! who could have dreamed Held stem and leaf and flower, When in the cold, dark ground it seemed To wait its final hour?

And if for it such glorious change,
What may not we attain,
When passing through Death's portal strange
Another life we gain?

A. F. F.

#### FIFTY YEARS AFTERWARDS.\*

How were the doctrines of Emerson's Harvard address received by the world of fifty years ago? I think in essentially the same way that they would be received to-day, if uttered to-day for the first time by one who was not yet canonized, but whose fame was yet a thing of the future. I will not speak of the orthodox world, save to remember gratefully the protesting voice of brave Father Taylor, declaring, amid the din and babblement: "Mr. Emerson may think this or that, but he is more like Jesus Christ than any one I have ever known. I have seen him when his religion was tested, and it bore the test." "He must go to heaven when he dies, for if he went to hell the devil would not know what to do with him." I speak of the Harvard College and Unitarian world, which Emerson addressed. "Theories which would overturn society and resolve the world into chaos," said the highest university authority of the Harvard address. "The lucubrations of an individual in no way connected with the school," said the Unitarian newspaper. Emerson's successor in the pulpit, kindly man as he certainly was, felt undoubted relief in explaining that Emerson had never been considered a regular Unitarian minister. "Silly women and silly young men, it is to be feared," said Andrews Norton, the chief priest, "have been drawn away from their Christian faith, if not divorced from all that can properly be called religion." The story of that tumult and alarm has been told too often to need repeating further here. Emerson became the most dreaded heretic in America. "The speech will serve, as some of the divisions in Congressional debates," Emerson himself wrote to his brother, "to ascertain how men do think on a great question." And so it did. Dr. Frothingham, the father of our own radical leader, preached about Emerson, surely in no approving way, from the text, "Some said that it thundered, others that an angel spoke." The great majority voted for thunder. But Theodore Parker and others of the younger men

<sup>\*</sup> A passage from an address on the Present Revolution in Religion, at the annual meeting of the Free Religious Association in Boston, June 1, 1888.

went home from the little chapel, sure that they had heard the voice from heaven, and began to make their armor bright for the new crusade. "It is of no use," said one eminent divine when he heard of the censure on their address; "henceforth the young men will have a fifth Gospel in their Testaments." And in noble contrast to the great mass of the Boston and Cambridge doctors, with their conventional and unprophetic spirit, stands the grand figure of Chan-

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I recall the story of the old tumult here, not by way of chronicle, but by way of parable, by way of lesson for that class to which, in successive times, the leaders of reform have a right to look for chief reinforcement. It is useful often to look at what is present or impending retrospectively. Emerson's message, I have said, if addressed to-day for the first time to the Unitarian world, to which it was addressed fifty years ago, by one not yet canonized nor renowned, would be received in essentially the same way that it was received fifty years ago. The controversy would not have the same proportions now. There are fewer Andrews Nortons now, there are more Channings,—I wish to say that I look to Unitarianism to-day with distinctly greater hope than Channing looked. The Christian Register and the Unitarian Review, we well know, would speak out ringingly to-day on the right side,—as Father Taylor said of Emerson's religion, they have been tested and have stood the test. But the reception, however different in its proportions, would in its character and language be, I say, essentially the same. It is the canonized, illustrious, historic Emerson, whom Unitarians unite to praise and seek to claim; it was to his funeral they carried flowers. It was when Parker was thirty years dead that they sanctioned his sermons. It is easy to celebrate the obsequies of a great heretic; it is not so easy to rejoice in his day. It is easy to build the tombs of the prophets; it is hard to keep the eyes open. It is pleasant to quote; it is often troublesome to listen. It is comfortable, exhibitanting and generative of eloquence to commemorate Emerson's gospel; it is then possible and easy and regular to suspect, condemn and do violence to the man who takes it seriously for what it is and tries to carry it into effect. If we may make the explicit applicacation, which doubtless many of you have already made, the enthusiastic radicals in the longitude of Chicago, over whom so many Unitarians in the longitude of Boston were so frantic a year ago and are still so much disturbed, are men every one of whom would undoubtedly subscribe to every word that Emerson ever wrote; if they have any Thirtynine Articles or Westminster Confession, it is Emerson. As to the "Unitarian Orthodoxy" of which Channing spoke, as to the Unitarian habit certainly, all of them stand closer to it far than Emerson. To speak of William Gannett as one careless of belief in God and immortality, as you have heard men speak, is to speak so of Channing.

It seems necessary to say that, in the score perhaps, perhaps the dozen, of American Unitarian ministers, whose atoms are fatally arranged in the direction of divinity, men who know how to pray, men with whom the language of worship is vernacular, men not self-conscious in the presence of God, men who address their prayers not to their congregations but to heaven—in that dozen, I say, would have to be counted this little group of half a dozen suspected and dreaded men, suspected and dreaded for nothing else but for holding, with Emerson and with Channing, that any dogmatic test of religious fellowship is dangerous whatever dogmas we ourselves may love, as possibly becoming ultimately a fetter upon some honest seeker after truth.

"Ethics" is the word so dreaded now. "But all the religion we have," said Emerson, "is the ethics of one or another holy person." "The progress of religion," he said, "is steadily to its identity with morals." "I think that all the dogmas rest on morals." "The creed, the legend, forms of worship, swiftly decay. Morals is the incorrupti-

ble essence." "It accuses us that pure ethics is not now formulated into a cultus,—a fraternity with assemblings and holy-days, with song and book, with brick and stone." Many of you here will remember how one in whose vocabulary "ethics" fills a still larger place than in that of the little group we have thought of, one who came from Chicago four years ago to unfold to you his gospel, said on your platform then: "I know not what true thought of mine you may not find, stripped of its imperfections of statement, in Emerson." I have thought many times indeed that this Chicago gospel, if we may call it so, finds its best programme in those words, which you all know so well, at the close of Emerson's essay on Worship: "There will be a new church founded on moral science; at first cold and naked, a babe in a manger again, the algebra and mathematics of ethical law, the church of men to come, without shawms, or psaltery, or sackbut; but it will have heaven and earth for its beams and rafters; science for symbol and illustration; it will fast enough gather beauty, music, picture, poetry."

I have been reading the programme of a special commemoration in Chicago—a city but just born in 1838—of this fiftieth anniversary of Emerson's address, by men of various minds and various habits. I have not yet read the programme of any commemoration by Harvard of this greatest word connected with her history. But midsummer is not yet. And if midsummer do not bring the festival, it will not be because at Harvard there are now no prophet souls, none who remember that the first seal of Harvard is the simple pledge, Veritas, and who will see to it that Harvard in our day be never dominated by the spirit of the perfunctory Christo et Ecclesiæ. which convention had to add. Convention is often honest, in each case doubtless so

at some point, but it quickly becomes cant.

But whatever Harvard does or whatever Unitarianism does,—I do not know how prominently it has remembered Emerson's address in this week's anniversaries—this association must feel it a special duty and a special joy to commemorate this anniversary by such word as it may. Alcott rightly declared Emerson to be the father of the free religious movement. He was present at the meeting for its organization, in 1867, and, although without sympathy with certain tendencies which manifested themselves in it, remained always its staunch friend and supporter, refusing in his latest days to have his name removed from its list of officers. "The men who led in this movement," says his biographer, "had been largely influenced by him, owing to him their main thought and purpose. They had nearly all been connected with the Unitarians, and left them for much the same reasons he did. To study religion as a universal sentiment, to find the sources of its world-wide manifestation in man, to regard all its forms as expressions of the same fundamental principles—these objects of the new association had been for many years among his most cherished ideas." "We are all very sensible," he said in that first meeting,—"it is forced on us every day,—of the feeling that churches are outgrown; that the creeds are outgrown, that a technical theology no longer suits us. It is not the ill-will of people—no, indeed, but the incapacity for confining themselves there. The church is not large enough for the man; it cannot inspire the enthusiasm which is the parent of everything good in history, which makes the romance of history. For that enthusiasm you must have something greater than yourselves, and not less. But in churches, every healthy and thoughtful mind finds itself in something less; it is checked, cribbed, confined." It was at the second annual meeting of this association, here in Tremont Temple, that he spoke that word which I think may be better quoted than any other as the creed of Emerson, and which I think will remain the creed of men when this impending revolution, of which we speak, is perfected: "I am ready to give, as often before, the first simple foundation of my belief, that the author of nature has not left himself without a witness in any sane mind; that the moral sentiment speaks to every man the law after which the universe was made; that we find parity; identity of design through nature, and benefit to be the uniform aim; that there is a force always at work to make the best better and the worst good." Had this association done no more than furnish Emerson occasion to formulate that simple creed, it would have had a sufficient and a great reason for being.

EDWIN D. MEAD.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR UNITY: As all will note who may take the trouble to refer to the date, the 15th proximo will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the delivery of that ever memorable address to the Divinity Class at Cambridge, in July, 1838.

Some celebrations have, I believe, already been held looking to the great work,—great especially as seen in the light of recent years—done by Emerson at or about this time. Why should not those who have not yet celebrated unite in setting apart this evening of the 15th, which the present year falls on Sunday, to commemorative services in regard to this very signal event in our religious history? That address reaches the high water mark of the century. It will be seen in grander proportions more and more as the years roll by. Have we had anything since that for breadth, elevation and inspiration, a range that takes in all the past and forecasts in prophetic vision the future for the races of mankind, equaling this?

That young man, recently entered upon the ministry, already a Protestant, and having sacrificed pulpit and honored place in his sect for his loyalty to truth, walking on lone ways, finding no companion to his thought in Europe any more than in America, though he sought for him far and near carefully and almost with tears, stands up in this assembly and speaks with a wisdom, transforming light and power that transcends and astonishes all the masters. None had this range, ripeness, perception or prophecy.

That evening was sounded in trumpet note, destined to go over and around the world, the declaration of spiritual independence, breaking the fetters of immemorial bondage, and bidding mankind be free. It carried men to the recognition of the God within, and the riches of the illimitable mind. That protest—different from them all but like—stands on a plane with the most memorable in history, with the witness of Luther, the attestation of Socrates, the sublime appeal of Zoroaster upon the mountain slopes of Bactriana, yea, with the preaching and royal confession of the Galilean peasant. We are just beginning to see how great it was, now as we view it in the perspective of the half century.

Let us celebrate the great hour when this benign gift, the great soul in which our race is honored, the grand witness and confession for the faith of universal human religion, came *here*, on American soil, fresh, free with the breath of the spirit of America; celebrate the fact that the august event, the angelic song, the divine prophecy, that is ever increasingly to arrest, wake, deliver the world, fell in our land, in our favored age and time.

The words of that address re-read, pondered, appropriated, shall be light, enlargement and strength to us all. It is one of the few, the immortal things "that were not born to die." Charles D. B. Mills.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 29, 1888.

#### THE UNITY CLUB.

#### A SUMMER PROGRAMME.

All Souls Unity Club has recently put forth the following bulletin, in order to direct the summer reading of the members and to prepare for the next season's work: UNITY CLUB OF ALL SOULS CHURCH, CHICAGO.

"Why stay we on the earth unless to grow?"

Annual announcement and reading list for season of 1888-9. Club Sermon, Sunday, September 30, 11 A. M. "The Piety of the Intellect."

Novel Section, beginning October 1. Shakespeare's "King Lear," and Hawthorne's "Marble Faun."

Side Readings,—"Shakespeare,—His Mind and Art," by Edward Dowden, and other Hawthorne stories.

EMERSON SECTION, beginning October 8. "Essays,—Second Series," and "Representative Men."

Side Readings.—Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero-Worship." Cabot's

Side Readings,—Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero-Worship," Cabot's "Life of Emerson."

Philosophy Section, beginning October 9. E. P. Powell's "Our Heredity from God."

Side Readings,—"The Development Theory," Bergen. "The Story of Creation," Clodd. "Evolution and its Relation to Religious Thought," by Le Conte. Works of John Fiske and Herbert Spencer.

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Browning Section, beginning October 19, 4 p. m., with No. VIII, Outline Studies of the Chicago Browning Society.

Side Readings,—Mrs. Browning's "Sonnets from the Portuguese," and her "Casa Guidi Windows."

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MEMBERSHIP FEES.—Full ticket to all Sections, including Library privileges, \$5. To any two Sections, for the season, \$3. To any one Section, \$2. Single admission, 20 cents.

The privileges of the Club are open to all; but it is hoped that regularity of attendance and season enrollments will be sought by as many as possible. The meetings of the Philosophy and Browning Sections will be held in the parlor of the church, hence the attendance will be limited to fifty in these sections.

For information concerning prices, editions and discounts on books bought in quantities for use of club members, inquire of James Colegrove, with S. A. Maxwell & Co., booksellers. For further particulars, inquire of

JENKIN LLOYD JONES, Leader.

#### THE STUDY TABLE.

Birds and Bees. Essays by John Burroughs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston. Boards, pp. 96. Price, 40 cents.

To those who are familiar with Mr. Burroughs's literary work these outdoor papers will have a charm almost before the leaves are turned. While this series of essays is of great interest to those, like the author, fond of nature, it is specially attractive to adults who have unfortunately gone through the world, so to speak, with their eyes shut; while to the wide-awake youth its charms will be almost irresistible. It is written in a direct, simple style, and with the feeling of one who has lived among birds and bees, carefully studied their habits, and noted with interest and concern the tragedies of their small lives. The lover of nature should not be without it; for while not written from the standpoint of the scientist, it will cultivate an alert sense and a sympathetic appreciation of the world about us.

The Forum for June contains a notable article on "The Next American University," by Andrew D. White. He awaits the man with four or five million dollars who will establish in Washington an institution, not for teaching, but for the encouragement of high scholarship in institutions already existing by a system of examinations, fellowships and traveling bachelorships, etc. The magazine contains other interesting articles on "A Universal Language," by F. A. March; "Men, Women and Money," by Julia Ward Howe, etc.

The June number of the Unitarian Review is rich in thoughtfulness. The leading article is by C. C. Everett on "Martineau's Study of Religion." This is a careful analysis, by what we deem to be the most competent mind in America to judge, of the most notable book of the season. N. P. Gilman has an interesting study of Bishop Colenso; A. Emerson Palmer discusses "Righteousness and Worship;" Charles A. Allen, the "Corner Stone of Christianity;" Horace L. Traubel, "Freedom and Half Freedom," being a study of the Father McGlynn complication; John W. Chadwick has a welcome study of Lowell's new poem, while the editorial departments are suggestive and important. This is a magazine of which one can not afford to be ignorant.

The Man Behind. A novel. By T. S. Denison. Chicago: Published by the author; for sale by Charles H. Kerr & Co. Price, \$1.50.

Local coloring for local coloring's sake is an almost infallible sign of weakness in a modern novel. If the author's grasp on his story, characters and ethical problems is too lax for him to hold the attention of his readers among familiar scenes he had better not attempt the unfamiliar. But in the novel before us the author seems to take us among the scenes of his boyhood, and the touches of pioneer life have therefore an air of genuineness about them that makes them not unwelcome. The subject of the story is painful. The author tells us of a rising young lawyer who, at the outset of his career, ruins and deserts a friendless young girl. The principal theme is his subsequent struggle with conscience and the constant drawback of his first wrong choice on all his later endeavors. The weak point of the story is that the author fails to give the heroif we are to call him so—enough attractive qualities to balance for a moment one's natural disgust at his dastardly action. Were it not for this the book would be pleasant reading. The general execution is carried out in good taste.

#### THE HOME.

#### CHILD'S HYMN.

"Little shepherd on the mountain,
What's the word of power and might?"
"All the founts of love are flowing,

All the uplands are alight."

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"Little toiler in the valley,
What's the word of hope and cheer?"
"Go ye forth and serve the Master;
Work and trust and never fear."

"Little scholar out in nature, Hear ye not some wondrous voice?"

"Yes, I hear the sound of singing,— Love, and learn, and e'er rejoice."

"Little favored one of fortune,
What's the message unto you?"
"Love your brother poor and needy,
Be ye ever kind and true."

"Pale and lonely child of sorrow, Have ye heard a whisper sweet?"

"I have heard the Father calling Gently from His mercy-seat."

Children of the town and hamlet,
Children of the mount and sea,
Ye are children of one Father,
Members of God's family.

—Augusta Larned in Young Days.

#### THE CLOUD AND THE FIELD.

Two men were working together in a field. One had a half the field and the other a half, and each had his own work to do, and each found it hard work. There had been no rain for many weeks. The soil was baked, dry, hard, cracked and seamed. Always there were many stones; and now, baked in the hard earth, they made it harder, stiffer, more tiresome to dig. But dig they must, if they were to get the field; for each one was to have the half for his own so soon as he had dug it all over and made it soft and light. But if either one left his work, then the other might have not only his own half but all of the other half that he could dig up and make light and soft. Both men found it hard work, but one kept working and saying to himself, "The end will come some time, and every push of the spade brings me nearer;" but the other often stopped and leaned on his spade and looked about him and said, "The end seems no nearer;" and then he would look behind him and say, "How little I have done."

But now there came up the sky a cloud. It was big, heavy and black. It covered all the sky from the tree tops in the distance on the left of the men, over to a mountain on their right. The one man kept digging on just the same; but the other looked at the cloud resting on the trees and mountain, and said to his neighbor, "What fools we are! It is this dry, cracked and stony soil that is the matter; and a dark, bad place to work in, besides. I see how it is—the easy place and soft soil and the light and brightness are on the other side of that cloud. I tell you, good fellow, I am done with this and am going yonder." "Stay and work where you are," says the other. "How know you what is beyond that cloud? Besides, if you go now you lose all you have done already." "Little enough that is," says the other frowning and growling; "besides, I have not got along so far as you." "But you might have," said his comrade; "you have stopped too often." "That's all done, and now all's said," answered the other; "here I go." And off indeed he went without more ado. He must needs get on the other side of the black cloud. Ah! what a strange thing it is, if a task be hard, that we leave it for another, knowing not whether the new task will be harder or easier! And belike it will be harder; for if we leave anything because it is hard, something harder comes along to whip us back again; and very like we find our old task taken up by another, and we have nothing; and that is harder than any other thing. So this man found it. When he had walked a long way and he became very tired indeed, sitting down often to rest (for he liked to walk no better than to work), suddenly it grew lighter, and as he looked up to see how that was, patter, patter, patter, down came very large drops of rain, and then some smaller ones, and then a great bounty of them, a beautiful rain. As fast as the rain fell the darkness fled away; the cloud melted; between the close water drops seemed drops of light; the earth shone. Then the cloud, being gone, the man knew no longer where to go to look for a better place than his old one. He had set out for the other side of the cloud. Behold now there was no cloud. So then he turned back. And a long way back it was. Little as he liked walking away, walking back was more tiresome. But at last, after resting many times on stones and fences, and dragging himself along unwillingly, he arrived at the field which he had left. But, behold, there was nothing for him there. When the cloud broke and left no place beyond the cloud, it took away also what there had been for him under it. His neighbor had finished all the work on both halves, and now had the whole field. The rain had moistened and softened the soil, loosened the stones, made the work easy; so that he had gone on with his labor blithely and soon had gone over the whole field. It was his now. There was nothing left for the man who had spent his whole time walking to look for something better, and had come to nothing.

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#### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Highlands, N. C.—In a recent number of the Christian Register there was mention of a young teacher who was able to make both ends meet in his private academy by selling flowers to Northern botany classes. One of Unity's firm friends has been looking him up and writes us delightfully concerning his work and the liberal movement at this place. The letter is private, but we venture to make the following extracts:

"This teacher, Pennsylvania Dutch by birth, traveling through these mountains on foot, found a company of liberal thinkers here, and his delight was unbounded, to find others believing truths he had thought out himself, but feared to utter; and when he heard that there were elsewhere whole organized bodies, he was greatly surprised. He is a remarkable young man. He lead the Bible class Sunday-fifteen thoughtful adults-in a very interesting manner. Last night I attended a meeting in the school-house, held regularly on Monday evening, called the 'Scientific Society,' 'Chapter 127 Agassiz Association.' They have met since January 1st, have studied geology, astronomy, and now will take up botany. The attendance varies in numbers but they have five earnest regular ones. One meeting was held on a mountain top near 'to observe Mercury.'

"Every Sunday the Liberal people come to the school-house, and hear a sermon read, by a lady generally, and have Sunday-school; they usually have an attendance of forty. The two past Sundays, by the generosity of the Milton people, Mr. Stebbin has preached, and I wish you could have seen the breathless audience last Sunday—ninety-five came out;-the grandmother with children and grandchildren. One baby, three months, cooed a little during prayer, but was good all through, is already used to attending, habits formed! One lady, seventy-two years, comes three miles horseback; one family eight miles, and said yes and would go much farther ('you know, out West, the hunger'). This is a delightful health resort, not fashionable yet, but widely reported by any one ever here—a model country hotel, neatness itself—every variety of azaleas this side of the Rockies grows here, and one not found elsewhere.

"The 'Shortia,' a lovely thing, is only found

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"In one of the humbler homes I found Unity, the Register, Unitarian Review and Unitarian, regular and welcome visitors, by kindness of eastern friends. A loan library and a sewing school have been carried on. This is not a 'rush light,' as the Register calls it, but more like the planet I watch rise over the mountain top.

"Pardon my long letter; I saw Unity on the old-fashioned, whittled desk in the school house, and wanted you to know the inocula-

tion is 'taking' here."

Ottawa, Canada.—A correspondent of the Progressive Society of this place gives the following interesting statement of the tie that binds them and their experiences with the same. "No religious or belief test is required in order to become a member; the only bond of union being 'we pledge ourselves to one another to pursue truth in a spirit of charity with a view towards its application to our own lives and the bettering of the world in which we live.' Through the eleven years of our existence as an organization a consensus of belief is gradually being formed, which tends strongly towards uniformity, in that all our knowledge of man and the world in which he lives comes only through the channels of the accumulated experience of the race, and that there could be no certainty of anything, if what we call the laws of nature were not uniform and sure." With this bond of union Unity finds itself in perfect sympathy, and never did we believe more confidently that under such a bond the religious convictions of people will reach their maximum, and the unity and even uniformity of the beliefs in the great fundamentals of faith be the most speedily and surely arrived at.

Chicago.—The flight of the minister has in most of our prominent city churches already taken place. Professor Swing has sought the sylvan shades of Lake Geneva, Wis., where he enjoys a summer home. Doctor Thomas has gone East. He is to preach at the Universalist Grove meeting to be held at Weirs, N. H., Sunday, August 12. Mr. Utter left last Sunday night for Milton, Mass., whither his family has already preceded him. Mr. Blake is to spend most of his vacation in the East. Mr. Milsted, we believe, is to remain in town the most of the summer. The senior editor of Unity held his last service last Sunday, it being the annual Floral service. Four babes were christened, and the right hand of fellowship extended to eleven new members. The church, however, will be kept open during vacation, the pulpit being occupied by the lay members of the parish.

—We were glad to greet at headquarters this week Rev. William H. Ramsay, who stopped in Chicago on his way to Denver, where he is to supply in the pulpit of Rev. Thomas Van

Boston.—The offer is made by the society of Rev. James Freeman Clarke to loan copies of his works to any person who will pay expense of mailing. Address church of Disciples, Warren avenue, corner Brookline street, Boston, Mass.

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rooms this week. President Livermore, of Meadville, was honored on commencement day at Harvard with the degree of D.D.

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Des Moines, Iowa.—Rev. Ida C. Hultin, of Des Moines, passed through this week on her way to Sherwood, Mich., where she delivers the Fourth of July oration. On the 14th she is due in Grand Rapids, Mich., to attend the wedding of an old friend, and thence she goes eastward to spend her vacation at some point on the coast of Maine.

St. Cloud, Minn.—Rev. C. J. Staples, of Reading, Mass., who has been spending a month in St. Cloud, made us a call last week. He reports fine prospects of another new church in Minnesota. After visiting Toronto and Meadville, Mr. Staples returns to his eastern home, to come back again, it is hoped, and make his home in the West.

Toledo, Ohio.—Rev. A. G. Jennings is visiting in Indiana, preaching at LaPorte and Hobart. It was pleasant last week to see his face once more at the Chicago headquarters and hear the story of his successful work at

Monroe, Wis.-Rev. G. W. Buckley, of Monroe, was in Chicago with his family on Monday, en route to Battle Creek, Mich., to spend his vacation among old friends and

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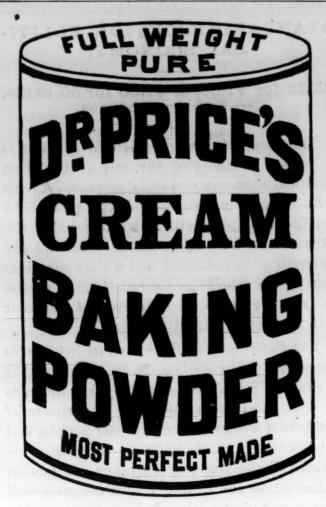
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